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## CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 10 2004 014 674.18 filed on March 25, 2004. This German Patent Application provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an ultrasonic flow sensor, and to a method for detecting the reception time of an ultrasonic signal.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS